

**CHILTON POLDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th October 2017 AT 7.30PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

- 1) **Those Present:** Cllr Baker, Cllr Aylmer, Cllr Oram, Cllr Kehoe, Cllr Cox, Cllr B Parsons - In attendance, the Clerk and two Parishioners
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Chairman Cllr Hayne
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Oram re planning 19/17/00009 – Cllr Parsons re point 7e
- 4) **Statements by County/District Councillors.** None
- 5) **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 13th September 2017. These were accepted as a true record and signed
- 6) **Matters arising:** None
- 7) **Financial Matters and Planning:**
 - a) **Financial Update:** As at October 7th, 2017 the current account stands at £2037.44 and the number 2 account stands at £9969.25
 - b) **Clerk's Salary and Admin:** The Council agreed to pay the Clerk's salary of £185.53 – expenses of £12 and PAYE of £38.00. This was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Aylmer. All in favour
 - c) **Hire of Hall – £16 - PFA Grounds Maintenance - £132 –**
 - d) **St Edwards grant re grass maintenance - £450**

The Council agreed to pay these invoices. Proposed by Cllr Kehoe and seconded by Cllr Aylmer. All in favour

PLANNING

19/17/00009 – retention of the change of use of ancillary domestic accommodation to holiday accommodation – 21 Broadway Chilton Polden TA7 9DR. The Council unanimously objected to this application over concerns of its sustainability and justification

19/17/00010 – TPO work - Holm Oak at 23 Broadway Chilton Polden TA7 9DR. The Council unanimously agreed to support this application

- 8) Southmoor lane field update** – The Clerk reported that following excellent work on the Council's behalf – County Cllr Mark Healey has managed to have the field withdrawn from the upcoming auction. Discussions are still on going as to the future of the field and the Clerk will keep all parties informed. Sheila Chambers had organised a petition to save the field and to date she had gathered over 140 signatures
- 9) Priory Cottages update** – following correspondence sent to the Clerk re building work being carried out at the cottages – the planning officer confirmed that the enforcement officer has been to the site and will contact the Clerk of their findings in due course
- 10) PFA – purchasing bark update** – the Council had received a request from the PFA and after the Clerk had made enquiries with SALC, it was confirmed that it is not possible for the Council to assist with their request. The Clerk to write to the PFA
- 11) 2018 Precept Planning** – Every year the Chilton Polden Parish Council receives a small proportion of the money that each household pays in Council Tax. This money is used to enable the running of the parish council and to support local organisations and activities such as the Church Hall, Playing Field and other groups including Happy Companions and the Young Farmers Club. As we prepare the budget for 2017/2018 the Parish Council is keen to hear of ideas which would enhance the community and well-being of the villagers in Chilton Polden. This would enable the Parish Council to set a budget that could provide some support to these initiatives. A copy of this will be placed on the web site and notice board and for the Cllrs to report back at the November meeting

Matters of report

Cllr Baker asked about overgrown hedges to be trimmed back. Although this was placed in the Polden Post the Clerk to write to highways to see if anything can be done

Cllr Aylmer asked if the proposed joint purchase with the PFA of a bench to be installed at the playing field in remembrance of Antony Carr. The Clerk had now received some quotes and will contact the PFA

Clerk – updated the meeting of the new bank application and will report back at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm

Jim Murray Parish Clerk

13th October 2017